

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  IONEX COMMUNICATIONS NORTH, INC.	DOCKET NOS. TCU-00-21 TF-00-83 TCU-98-9
	CERTIFICATE NO. 0214

**CERTIFICATE**

(Issued May 31, 2000)

On April 10, 2000, FirstTel, Inc., filed a request to cancel its existing certificate (Certificate No. 175), issued in Docket Nos. TF-98-152, WRU-98-28-465, and TCU-98-9. The Board of Directors of FirstTel, Inc., amended its articles of incorporation to change the corporation's name to Ionex Communications North, Inc. (Ionex). The Utilities Board (Board) issued an order and certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide local exchange service in the state of Iowa, pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.29 (1999) to FirstTel, Inc., on July 14, 1998.

Ionex Communications North, Inc., filed a proposed tariff on April 10, 2000, identified as TF-00-83. An order granting the request to cancel Certificate No. 175 and issue a certificate in the name of Ionex Communications North, Inc., is being issued simultaneously with this certificate.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

This certificate of public convenience and necessity, issued pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.29(1) (1999), authorizes Ionex Communications North, Inc., to furnish local telephone service in exchanges served by U S West Communications, Inc., as described in its tariff, identified as TF-00-83.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2000.